GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2001
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
REQUEST OF A.P. GOVERNMENT FOR PADDY PROCUREMENT
B.K. PARTHASARATHI;SRINIVASULU KALAVA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Government have requested the Union Government to enhancethe procurement of paddy limit by another ten lakh metric tonnes from the fifty five lakh metric tonnes at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government have considered the request of the State Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a)&(b) : No, Sir. However, in order to provide relief to the farmers, Government of A.P. requested to enhance the initial procurement target of levy rice from 55 lakh tonnes to 65 lakh tonnes and subsequently to 70 lakh tonnes.

(c)&(d) : Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the farmers interest, the Government of India hasagreed to the request of the State Government and enhanced the target of procurement of levy rice to 70 lakh tonnes.

(e) : In view of reply to parts (c) & (d) above, Question does not arise.